Bugs Like It Indoors

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Those house plants which were kept outdoors all summer should be inspected to see if they are pest free.

John A. Weidhaas Jr., Virginia Tech Extension specialist in entomology, warns that the plants may be infested with an assortment of crustaceans, insects and spider mites. The first group could include moisture-loving sowbugs and pillbugs, while the insect group could include sap-sucking creatures like mealy bugs, aphids and whiteflies.

Such pests generally thrive in warm, indoor conditions. They also can kill such plants as African violets, poinsettias and gynura (velvet plant).

The home gardener should have pruned the sick-looking leaves and branches before moving the plants indoors. If not, Weidhaas said, do it now.

He offered the following checklist for controlling specific insects:

Aphids–If Infestation is not severe, hose plants with a mild detergent solution. Use one teaspoon of mild dishwashing detergent per gallon of water. Such a mixture is mildly toxic to aphids. It also loosens their hold on leaf surfaces. Be sure to use enough water pressure to knock aphids off both top and underside of leaves. For severe infestation, spray with a pesticide. Malathion and pyrethrins are effective spray materials.

Mites–Spray plants with kelthane. Make two applications at least 10 days apart.

Sowbugs and pill bugs–repot plants if pots were set outdoors on bare ground this summer. When digging up plants to take indoors for winter, loose soil should be knocked off roots. Fill containers will sterilized potting soil Chemical control generally is not recommended indoors unless infestations are severe.

Mealybugs and whiteflies–Apply an aerosol spray intended for control of mealybugs or whiteflies.

Weidhaas advised against using malathion sprays that are more than a year old. Cans or bottles should be dated when purchased to help keep track of their age.

Pyrethrin sprays for outdoor and greenhouse use are difficult to find in retail hardware stores and garden centers. Aerosol and pump applicators for indoor use, which contain pyrethrins, are safer and more readily available. They generally are more expensive, however.

The faculty member in Tech's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences said all insecticide labels should be read carefully and instructions should be followed to the letter.

It should be remembered that sprays which require mixing with water generaruy are intended for outdoor or greenhouse use–not in the house.

If it is necessary to use a water mix spray, take the plants outdoors on a mild day. Let them set outside for several hous after spraying to allow the fumes to dissipate.

When making indoor applications, be sure to use insecticide containers with aerosol or pump applicators which are labeled specifically for use on plants. Aerosol cans should be held about 18 inches from the plant when spraying. Don't use spray materials intended for general household insect control as they can be toxic to plants.

Further information can be obtained at a local Extension office.

FASTER WAYS WITH MICROWAVES

This crisp nip of fall is in the air, and it's time to trade those cool summer salads for hearty, hot meals. Since you may be just as busy this fall as you were this summer, rely on your microwave oven for nutritious meals that won't monopolize your time. Savory Chuck Roast and Creamy Herb Loaf, from the Whirlpool microwave oven cookbook, are family pleasers that need only a tossed salad and instant pudding.

(shown)

3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon brown sugar
1 teaspoon salt
dash pepper
½ teaspoon dry mustard
¼ cup catsup
½ cup water
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 tablespoon vinegar
1 4-pound beef chuck roast
1 onion, sliced
1 green pepper, sliced

In bowl, combine flour, brown sugar, salt, pepper, and dry mustard. Stir in catsup, water, Worcestershire, and vinegar. Place roast in 13x9x2-inch baking dish. Pour catsup mixture over roast. Cook, covered, at medium for 45 minutes. Give dish a half turn. Add onion and green pepper. Cook, covered at medium for 30 to 45 minutes or till tender, giving dish a half turn once. Skim fat from pan juices and pass with roast. Servings: 6.

MICRO TIP. A great many recipes start with cooking onions or celery in butter till tender. In the microwave oven, it's so easy to do. Just combine the chopped vegetables with the unmelted butter in a casserole and cook, uncovered at HIGH for 2 to 3 minutes. Stir once about halfway through to coat all the vegetables.

4 slices bacon
2 3-ounce packages cream cheese
1½ cups (6 ounces) shredded natural cheddar cheese
1½ cups (6 ounces) shredded Monterey Jack cheese
1 loaf French bread
1 teaspoon dry mustard
3 tablespoons milk
1 egg
1 tablespoon snipped parsley
1 tablespoon snipped chives
1 loaf French bread

On paper plate, layer bacon between paper towelling. Cook at high for 4 minutes. Crumble bacon and set aside.

Unwrap cream cheese and place in small mixer bowl. Heat 2 minutes at low or till softened. Add cheeses and dry mustard. Heat milk in 1-cup glass measure at high for 15 seconds. Pour into cheese mixture. Beat till fluffy. Beat in egg. Stir in parsley, chives, and bacon. Cut French bread in 1-inch slices, cutting to but not through bottom crust. Spread with cheese mixture. Place loaf on waxed paper. Cook at high for 1½ to 2 minutes or till heated through. Servings: 8.

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MRS. HUMPHRIES 4-H CLASS

Mrs. Humphries 4-H Class met for their monthly meeting 12-11-79.

Michael Pennix led us in the American Pledge. James Hall led us in the 4-H Pledge.

Recreation leaders, Chuck Rodgers, Jewel McCoy and Cathy Brown, passed out 4-Her's check list for energy conservation.

We played waste or save.

Sabrina Watts read the minutes of the last meeting.

Mrs. Walton showed us how to make draft stoppers and other things.

Respectfully submitted by James Curtis Kennon

MRS. EYE'S 4-H CLUB

Mrs. Eye's class had their 4-H meeting November 12, 1979. President James Cash opened the meeting with the pledges of the flags. Jimmy Fillingame led us in the American Pledge; Brad Mann led us in the 4-H Pledge. Secretary, Teresa Austin, read the minutes of the last meeting. They were approved as read. Next the reereation leaders led us in some songs and games.

Mrs. Sweet gave us some information about Share-the-Fun. He also told us about 4-H calendars on sale for 25c. We got our projects back. Mr. Sweet told us about our score sheet and told us we got 21 points. Then he told us we would have Public Speaking in January.

We then saw slides about "Opportunity in 4-H."

Charlene Harvey, Reporter

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Transco Announces Gas Discoveries, Pipeline Plans

HOUSTON, TX -Dec. 6 - Transco Exploration Company today announced commercial natural gas discoveries on three tracts in the Gulf of Mexico offshore Texas about 50 miles southeast of Corpus Christi.

The announcement was made in connection with plans of Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation to file an application in December with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to build a pipeline to transport gas from these and other blocks in the area onshore to its system. Both Transco Exploration and Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line are wholly owned subsidiaries of Transco Company, Inc.

One of the discoveries was made on North Padre Island Block A-42 in 210 feet of water and is to be developed with an 18 slot platform scheduled for installation in late 1980, TXC, the operator of this block, holds a 75 percent interest in this tract and Energy Development Corporation, a subsidiary of Public Service Electric and Gas Company, owns the remaining 25 percent.

The other discoveries are located to the south on adjacent blocks, North Padre Island 956 and 967, about 20 miles from shore in 120 feet of water. Plans are currently being formulated for the installation of platforms to develop the blocks. TXC holds a 25 percent interest in each block and Atlantic Richfield Company, the operator of the blocks, owns the remaining 75 percent.

For The Hobbyist

Hobby gifts will be more welcome than ever this Christmas, thanks to the leisure time that more and more Americans are enjoying.

There are a wealth of hobby gifts to choose from, designed for beginners or experts alike.

From stamp collecting to embroidery, hobbies appeal to all ages and all types. Check your local craft or hobby shop for appropriate pursuits that will interest those on your list.

Chances are you'll become intrigued and come away with a hobby for yourself as well.

Wrapping Tips

rrere are some suggestions for achieving that personally gift wrapped look.

The children on your list will be delighted to find Santa Claus's smiling face on their presents. For this jolly portrait, cut out Santa's features from heavy paper in appropriate colors and paste them onto a rectangular box. If you prefer, you can use self-adhesive paper. It comes in all colors and can be cut to resemble any form you like and attached to the top of your paper. Popular motifs for such cut-outs are little angels or animals. If you're not talented, simply trace your cut-outs.

MRS. BETTYMAN'S 4-H CLUB

Mrs. Berryman's class met for 4-H on December 10, 1979. We sang Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer. We received a 4-H'ers checklist for Energy Conservation. Then we played a game "Waste or Save."

I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Kristie Matthews, Reporter

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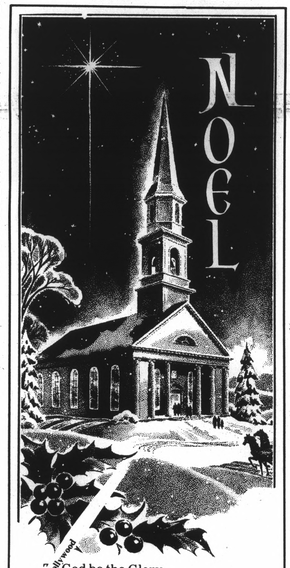

"Glory to God be the Glory,
Great things He has done,
As He gave His only begotten son,
Who was born in Bethlehem
for you and me;
That we may have life and have
it more abundantly.
I thank you & Praise God for each
of you in your own way,
How you have blessed my life.

I thank each of you for all that you have done for me in the past and pray to God that I may have helped to bring some Joy & Happiness to your life as you have to mine.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your Friend,
Steve

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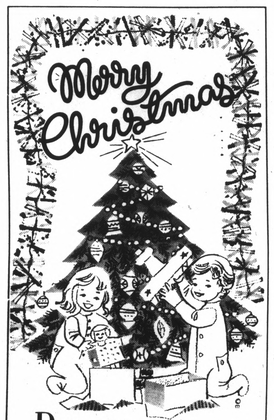

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Tips To Help The Drinking Driver

RICHMOND - Cheese and meat dishes served during a party over the holiday season could save someone's life when it comes to drinking and driving.

"Most people are not aware that high protein foods slow down the rate of alcohol absorbtion into the bloodstream," said John T. Hanna, director of the Va. Department of Transportation Safety. "Food will not prevent intoxication, but it helps," he added.

Many such possible lifesaving tips are offered again this year to Virginia drivers by the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (VASAP) in its "Party Packs." The pack, available at no cost, contains practical suggestions on how to cut down on drinking and still make it a party worth remembering.

Included with the high protein recipes are several tasty alcohol-free drinks and some party games that should keep guests laughing more and making fewer visits to the bar.

"No matter what you do, there always seems to be one or two guests at the party who overdo it and then insist on driving home," Hanna stated. "Any measures must be taken to prevent them from driving."

The "Party Packs" provides the following tips on how to deal with this situation:

•Offer to drive your guest home. The car can always be picked up at a later date.

•Let your guest stay overnight at your home.

•Take the car keys always if your guest insists on driving.

•Use physical restraint if necessary. It sounds a bit drastic, but your friend must not be allowed to drive.

•Pay for a taxi to drive your guest home. It's hard to object to a free ride.

•When other measure fail, call the police. There is a chance your friend will be arrested and the sight of a police officer just might cause him or her to act a bit more rationally.

"Party Packs" are available at participating ABC stores, local ASAP offices or by writing to the Va. Department of Transportation Safety, 300 Turner Road, Richmond, Va. 23225.

"And One of the Following Ingredients"

BLACKSBURG - Consumers, reading the list of ingredients on packages of food, have learned a lot of new words and a bit of economics.

One of the issues that can be classified under economics is the phrase "and one of the following ingredients," said Jean A. Phillips, professor of human nutrition and foods at Virginia Tech, while speaking at the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service's Family Resources Conference.

It means that the processing firm will add whichever of those ingredients its buyers can get at the lowest price to the firm.

The items are interchangeable in the product and make no difference in taste or appearance. The firm uses the item it can get at a lower price.

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Regain the Simple Joys of Christmas

Has Christmas become "too much of a good thing?" Do you almost dread the carols on the radio and the jingle bells on every corner?

It need not be. If the holiday season seems to be "swallowing you up," resolve that this year you will take a stand. You will deliberately seek the simple, unhurried route, and let the commercial whoop-and-holler pass you by.

Invite the simple pleasures of the season by creating the right environment for yourself and your family.

Limit the intrusion of radio and television onto the scene. After dinner, have the family gather 'round to listen to "The Nutcracker" ballet by Tchaikovsky. Be spontaneous! If anyone wants to play the various parts in the magical tale, encourage her or him to do it.

There are many other musical pieces which lend themselves to family enjoyment this time of the year.

At bedtime, read aloud from Dickens' "Christmas Carol" . . . or better yet, let the youngsters take turns in reading passages.

"A Visit from Saint Nicholas" by Dr. Clement Moore is an all-time favorite to be enjoyed at Christmas. In the library you might find a collection of stories and poems from the old "St. Nicholas" magazines of 70-80 years ago. They capture the charm of an era to be rediscovered with delight.

Christmas is an ideal time to rediscover your friends and neighbors, perhaps people who are a blur in the rush of your pell -mell life—these people have much to offer. They probably would like to know you and your family better, too.

If you live not too far from the woods, plan a trip to cut down your own trees. If a friendly farmer does not oblige by offering his bounty, consider choosing trees at special tree farms.

The regional office of your state department dealing with environmental conservation no doubt has a list of tree farms in your area. It's much more fun to to choose a tree from this source. The entire family can participate; with friends and neighbors, it's even more fun.

For decorating, the tree considered best by many is the Douglas fir. Thick and symmetrical, its branches seem made-to-order for ornaments. Another virtue: it lasts a long time indoors, with proper care and watering. You might also consider white spruce, Scotch pine and Norway spruce.

Making your own tree ornaments is a custom going back several centuries. The entire family will enjoy making paper chains, stringing popcorn or cranberries, folding silver foil into twinkling stars.

Left-over wrappings from previous years are ideal for making paper chains—the more colorful, the merrier!

Even if you are not a "baking" family, 'tis the season for something lovin' from the oven. Bake gingerbread men, "star" cookies, chocolate chip cookies—whatever pleases the family . . . and, don't forget bourbon balls for the grown-ups. All these taste infinitely better than store-bought goodies, no matter how delicious.

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George "Mike" Powell Assigned To Sheppard Air Base

Airman George Michael Powell, son of Agnes D. Reynolds of Route 1, Spout Spring, Va., has been assigned to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, after completing Air Force basic training.

During the six weeks at Lackland Air Force Base, here, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits towards an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

The airman will now receive specialized instruction in the aircraft maintenance field.

Airman Powell is a 1979 graduate of Appomattox County High School, Appomattox, Va.

Works of Art

Some of the more elaborate greeting cards, particularly those featuring reproductions of famous masters, are worthy of framing in themselves, to be displayed at Christmastime or even around the calendar.

Tasty Holiday Dessert: Sour Cream Cherry Pie

For a very cherry Christmas, try this dessert delight: Sour Cream Cherry Pie. It's a light, refreshing way to greet the holidays. You can whip it up in no time at all, and it makes a great treat for family or friends. Add a few dabs of red food coloring and you have a festive little Christmas pie. Chances are, you'll find yourself making it all year around.

Sour Cream Cherry Pie

filling:
½ cup sugar
¼ cup cornstarch
2 one-pound cans tart cherries in juice
1 teaspoon almond extract
1 cup yogurt
3 tablespoons sour cream
1½ teaspoons gelatin
red food coloring
10" graham cracker or cream cheese pie shell

topping:
1 cup whipping cream
1 tablespoon confectioners' sugar
½ teaspoon vanilla
3-4 tablespoons sour cream

Drain cherries and save the juice. Dissolve gelatin in ½ cup of juice. Combine cherries, sugar, cornstarch and ½ cup of juice and cook until thickened. Stir in almond extract and dissolved gelatin. Add yogurt and sour cream and mix well. Cool. Blend in red food coloring to achieve desired color. Pour the filling into 10" pie shell and refrigerate until gelatin sets.

Combine whipping cream, confectioners' sugar, vanilla and sour cream and beat to the consistency of whipping cream (about two minutes). Top off the refrigerated pie with this fluffy mixture.

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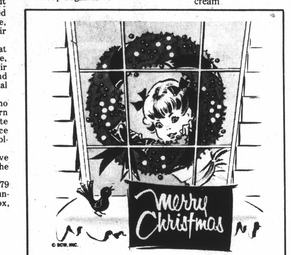
Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat,
Please to put a penny in the old man's hat;
If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do,
If you haven't got a ha'penny, God bless you!
—Anonymous



It's the season to greet friends old and new with Christmas greetings of joy and happiness.

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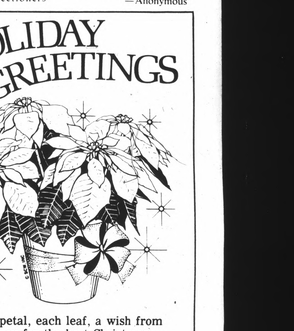

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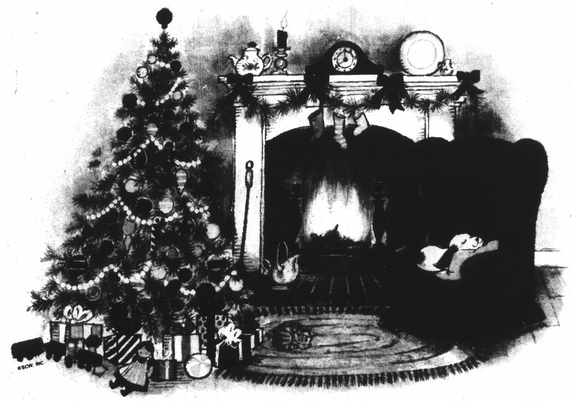

Not a creature is stirring. The fire is glowing. The day we've awaited is drawing near. As we join in the festivities of Christmas, we extend our hearty thanks to the customers who have been so good to us during the past year. To all, a very merry holiday season and the happiest of New Years!

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